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SUBJ: UNCTAD COMMODITIES: IRON ORE

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1. MISSION OFFICER BRIEFLY DSCUSSED PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST
PREPARATORY MEETING ON IRON ORE WITH UNCTAD SECRETARIAT STAFF.
THE SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED TWO DOCUMENTS FOR THE MEETING,
ONE DEALING WITH POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION AS RELATED TO
93(IV) AND THE OTHER WITH STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION,
CONSUMPTION, TRADE, ETC. DOCUMENTS ARE CURRENTLY BEING TRANSLATED
AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY MID-SEPTEMBER. MISSION WILL SEEK TO
OBTAIN ADVANCE COPIES WHEN CHIEF OF MINERALS DIVISION (DAWSON)
RETURNS FROM VACATION. SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY
ROGERS OF SECRETARIAT STAFF AND AN OUTSIDE CONSULTANT (A MR.
GANAPATHY OF THE INDIAN MINERALS AND METALS MARKETING CORPORATION.)
ITS FUCUS WILL BE MORE ON SUPPLY MANAGEMENT POSSIBILITIES
THAN BUFFER STOCKS.

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2. THE SECRETARIAT AND THE ASSOCIATION OF IRON ORE EXPORTING
COUNTRIES ARE MOST CONCERNED THAT THE EXPERIENCE AND RESULTS
OF THE MANGANESE MEETING NOT BE REPEATED FOR IRON ORE.
THEIR PROBLEM IS AVOIDING THIS IS THAT AUSTRALIA AND BRAZIL--WHO
ARE TAKING OVER A GREATER SHARE OF THE MARKET AND WHO EFFECTIVELY
DISRUPTED ANY CALL FOR FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS BY PRODUCERS OF

MANGANESE--ARE REPORTEDLY ADOPTING A SIMILAR ATTITUDE TOWARD IRON ORE. IN A ATTEMPT TO BRING BRAZIL MORE INTO LINE, THE IRON ORE ASSOCIATION IS LANNING TO SEND ITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (B.K.ISANYAL) AND OTHERSTAFF TO BRAZILFOR CONSULTATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE

3. ONLY OTHER ISSUE MENTIONED FOR DISCUSSION IS THE ROLE OF JAPAN AS AN INVESTOR IN MINING OPERATIONS AND PURCHASER OF IRON ORE. WHILE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO JAPAN IS UNLIKELY, THE ABILITY OF SOME MAJOR CONSUMERS, I.E. JAPAN, TO PLAY ONE PRODUCER AGAINST THE OTHER THROUGH VARIOUS CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS MAY SURFACE AS A MAJOR ISSUE AND COULD PERHAPS PROMPT AUSTRALIA TO BE MORE COOPERATIVE WITH OTHER PRODUCERS.

4. SINCE MUCH OF THE ABOVE CANNOT BE EVALUATED UNTIL DOCUMENTS ARE DISTRIBUTED, INFO DDRESSEES MAY WISH TO CONTACT LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS REGARDING THEIR VIEWS ONTHE MEETING. IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IF BRASILIA COULD DETERMINE IF MEETING WITH IRON ORE ASSOCIATION REPS IS TO BE HELD AND BRAZIL'S REACTION IF AND WHEN IT TAKES PLACE. MISSION WILL ALSO SEEK TO FOLLOW UP WITH IRON ORE ASSOCIATION IN GENEVA.VANDEN HEUVEL.

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